

# TUPELO RAILROAD RELOCATION PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

Mississippi Department of Transportation Project No. 104289-101000

## FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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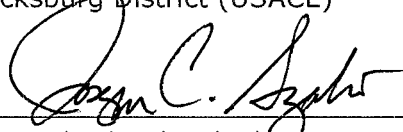
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### Abstract

The Build Alternative and the No-Build Alternative are being evaluated in the Tupelo Railroad Relocation Planning & Environmental Study for Tupelo, Mississippi. The Build Alternative would elevate the BNSF main line within the existing BNSF right-of-way on an approximately 2.8-mile viaduct consisting of a combination of retaining wall with earthen fill and bridge structure. The Build Alternative would also include a relocated interchange for exchange of railcars between the BNSF main line and the Kansas City Southern rail line. This Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) considers environmental impacts and mitigation in the following areas: traffic, soils, geology and groundwater, surface waters, floodplains, wetlands, wildlife and vegetation, farmlands, Section 4(f) and cultural resources, aesthetics, socioeconomic resources, land use, community facilities, community cohesion, environmental justice, relocations, local economy, noise, air quality, contamination, indirect and cumulative impacts, and construction impacts.

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